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EFFECTIVE DEMOCRATIC AND DECENTRALIZED GOVERNANCE

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"Look closer. Think deeper. Listen. Vote."

THE CHALLENGE

Years of centralized and, until 1998, autocratic governance have rendered democratic institutions weak and unprepared to carry out essential reforms.

Political parties have not provided effective democratic channels for constituent demands.

There is growing frustration with the government's inability to control major issues such as corruption and conflict.

Post tsunami recovery of communities and livelihoods in Aceh Province has presented long-term challenges, while at the same time presenting unprecedented opportunities for the people of Indonesia.

THE GOAL

Consolidate national level democratic reforms.

Expand participatory, effective and accountable local governance.

Address conflict and encourage pluralism.

OVERVIEW

The U.S. government is providing \$129 million over five years (2004-2008) to support effective and accountable local governance, to address conflict and encourage pluralism, and to consolidate national-level democratic reforms.

PROGRAMS

Mitigation of Conflict and Support for Peace

USAID remains a key donor working to mitigate conflict and support peace in conflict areas, such as Aceh, Papua, Sulawesi, and Ambon. Assistance activities focus on: conflict resolution/mitigation; civilian-military affairs; livelihoods development in conflict areas; drafting and monitoring of relevant legislation; and emergency and post-conflict transitional assistance to conflict affected persons.

Anti-Trafficking In Persons

USAID's anti trafficking programs work closely with the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and civil society groups in policy making, program development, victim support and dissemination of information which will contribute to reducing the trafficking of women and children in Indonesia.

Justice Sector Reforms

Through the Democratic Reform Support Program (DRSP) and Justice Sector Reform Program (JSRP), USAID's current Justice Sector programs provide technical assistance and training to judges, prosecutors and staff members at the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Court, and the Attorney General's Office.

Legislative Strengthening

Technical assistance and training are provided to strengthen the legislative and legal drafting skills of parliamentarians as well as provide institutional support to the National House of Representatives, National Regional Representative Council, nine provincial legislative councils and over 60 district-level legislative councils. Activities include promoting constituency and media outreach; developing the capacity to draft and analyze legislation and operational budgets; creating inter-party coalitions; encouraging legislative commissions to carry-out their functions, and perform strategic planning.

Local Governance Strengthening and Support for the Decentralization Process

The Local Governance Support Program (LGSP) is currently assisting 60 local governments. LGSP works to increase governmental accountability and transparency, promote citizen engagement and civil service reform, and improve the delivery of basic services. While LGSP is working at the district and regional level, DRSP is working at the national level on decentralization issues including providing support for the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MOHA) "Grand Strategy for Decentralization."

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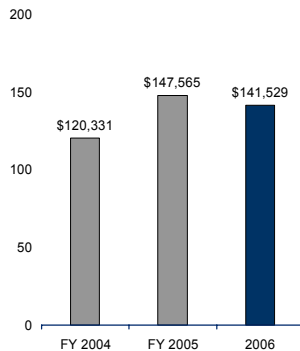


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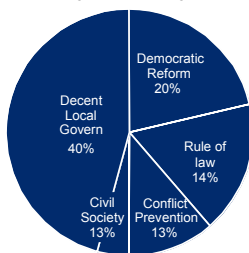
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USAID ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA



Funding: Child Survival and Health Funds, Development Assistance, Economic Support Funds, PL 480 Title II (includes emergency and non-emergency food aid)

FY 2006 Budget for Democracy & Governance
Percentage for Each Program Area



Total FY 2006 for
Democracy & Governance: \$36,350,000

Media Development

In October 2005, USAID funded a new media development project entitled "Building on the Foundations: Strengthening Professional, Responsible and Responsive Broadcast Media in Indonesia." The goal of the program is to build professional, information-based local media that are responsive to the development and reform of districts across Indonesia. The program assists local radio stations in North Sumatra, Aceh and Java, fostering dialogue on media regulations, and providing support for Media and Media Education in Aceh.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Tsunami Reconstruction and Recovery Programs

USAID's Tsunami Recovery projects in Aceh include the Community-Based Recovery Initiative (CBR); LGSP and the Aceh Technical Assistance Recovery Project Aceh (A-TARP). CBR works in 58 villages along the east and west coasts of Aceh, providing cash for work for village clean-up, working with the community to plan for the future and the return of livelihoods. USAID's LGSP program assists governments and citizens to develop action plans determining programs in basic services and infrastructure planning in the city of Banda Aceh and the districts of Aceh besar, Aceh Jaya, Aceh Barat and Nagan Raya in Aceh. Through A-TARP, Yayasan Inovasi Pemerintahan Daerah (YIPD) is taking the lead in carrying out community mapping exercises producing the basis for land consolidation and community re-planning in 650 villages.

Support for the Aceh Peace Process

In cooperation with its partner organizations, USAID implements a comprehensive support package to ensure the success and viability of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Indonesia (GOI) and Free Aceh Movement (GAM) which ended more than 30 years of conflict on August 15, 2005. USAID activities include public information programs, participation in a Multi-Stakeholder Forum, the Donor Working Groups for Reintegration and Socialization, legislative drafting assistance and public dialogue sessions on the Draft Law on Governing Aceh, support for the local political process including voter registration and the local election commission (KIP), and community-based recovery activities to assist conflict-affected civilians.

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